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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for San Bernardino County's Needles Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic and Recovery Clubhouse Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the San Bernardino Needles Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic and Recovery Clubhouse Project at 1600 Bailey Ave, Needles, CA 92363.

The funding would be used to expand the current community clinic space by 1,688 square feet for a total of 5,216 square feet of clinic space and to construct a 4,326 square foot Recovery Clubhouse adjacent to the current Outpatient Clinic.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the renovation and expansion will enhance the quality of services delivered by increasing treatment space, telehealth functionality, rooms for individual and group therapy, medical examinations, staff offices, cubicle space, and adding a waiting area for children and youth.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). This funding will be used to improve essential community facilities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress